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Elmwood Avenue for over two hours to hear a variety of speakers, musicians and poets with an atmosphere that resembled a celebration more than a protest. Folk musicians sarcastically sang "If you're happy and you

to the protest and anti-war movement. "I now represent the interests of 500,000 people, and I think that we (the protestors) are right about this issue," said LaFalce, who was greeted by and uproar of applause numer-

choices made by President Bush. "I'm not sure that this president has adequately reflected on this issue. All of us are subject so much by the influence of our advisors and I'm fearful that Bush is sur-

history of U.S. relations with Iraq, focusing on subjects such as the 1991 Gulf War and the distribution of oil from the Middle East. "They invited America here as a peace-loving man. I'm against any war."

global warming, not I Javier Bonilla, art tion student at BSC, at the protest to show d for actions taken by th Administration.

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BSC serves as site for diversity of trees

By KATE WIEGAND
Contributing Writer

If you're like most people, you've at least noticed a few of the more than 1,700 trees on campus.

They flourish in the spring, provide shade in summer, transform their colors in autumn and often add a sense of beauty to the dullness of winter.

But what most people don't know is these trees belong to an arboretum, a place where trees and shrubs are grown for scientific and educational purposes.

"The arboretum is about getting back to basics," said Lisa Krieger, a committee member of the arboretum and the Capitol Projects assistant to the vice president for Finance and Management. "It's

about appreciating our trees."

The Maud Gordon Holmes arboretum began its planting in 1960 and was officially dedicated in honor of Holmes, the founder of the Garden Institute of Buffalo, in 1962. Holmes dedicated over 27 years of her time to the Garden Institute, bringing in hundreds of trees and shrubbery to the city.

"She brought trees back into the city after the Dutch elm disease killed a good portion of the city's elm trees in the late '50s," said Krieger.

Because of the arboretum, Buffalo State College is home to more than 150 varieties of trees, many of which are needle-and-leaf-bearing varieties, as well as ornamentals, such as crabapple or lilac trees.

The arboretum is maintained by campus services and

headed by certified arborist, Joe Territo. Territo, an alumnus of BSC, has more than 20 years of experience in horticulture, landscaping, and is a certified arborist.

"We work very hard to keep this campus looking the way it does," said Territo. "And we've noticed that if we keep the campus looking nice, then the students will do their part to keep it nice".

In regards to the recent construction around campus, Territo has worked very hard to keep certain trees from becoming part of the lumber used in the process.

"I was determined to keep up the Red Horsechestnut, behind Moot Hall (on Rockwell Road)," Territo said. "The tree was one of the original trees here. When the construction was going on, I'd always go

over and check on it, they came so close to the roots a few times."

In addition to the arboretum, Territo also supervises a project known as the BSCenery. The program was developed in 1996 by campus services and enables students from McKinley High School to help take part in and study the arboretum.

"Students who are interested in horticulture are encouraged to help become part of the program during the summer. They help out with maintaining the flowerbeds and trees," said Krieger. Students also get the opportunity to learn about plant biology, soil and disease and insect control, Territo said.

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class and then get the practical experience here."

The funding for the arboretum comes from the Memorial Tree program, the Maud Gordon Holmes fund and BSCenery. Funds come from BSC as well, when the school's budget allows.

Unfortunately only about one-third of the original plantings are left on the campus, due to the expansion of parking lots, other construction or death from natural causes.

In today's ever-changing society, it's hard to find things that are constant, familiar and sacred. However, at more than 70 years old, the oldest tree on campus, a pine oak, resides in the elbow of Chase Hall and continues to remain a constant on campus.

From fashion changes to lovers' quarrels, this tree has also witnessed BSC student enrollment raise from just 1,000 in 1930 to more than 12,000 today.

Although the arboretum is designed to stimulate scientific and educational purposes, it's also about creating an enjoyable environment.

"It's our campus, it's your campus, it's everybody's campus," said Territo. "Let's enjoy it and learn from it."

For more information, a detailed brochure, or to tour the arboretum, contact Joe Territo at 878-6652 or Lisa Krieger at 878-6651.

"Protest"

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"I picked up some flyers around campus and I wanted to be a part of this and show my support," said Bonilla. "I believe there is a way towards peace."

The protest in Buffalo coincided with events across the United States to counter government approval of a war against Iraq.

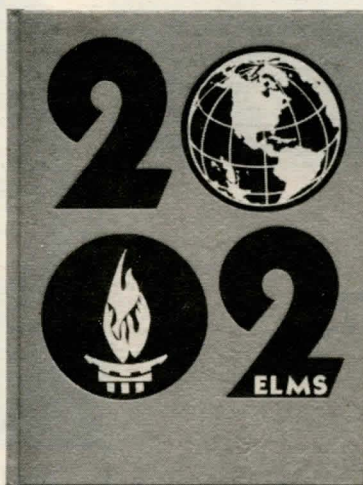
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were common answers. The tragic events of 9/11 show us that we are not invincible, terrorist attacks are possible and anti-American sentiment is rampant in the Middle East.

"I don't think we should invade unless we are positive there are nuclear weapons being built or proof they're involved in terrorist attacks," a senior biology major said.

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